

Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc.

Minutes May 20, 2003

The scheduled April meeting of the Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at the Loudoun Hospital Center-Cornwall Campus, located on Cornwall Street, Leesburg, Virginia. Chairman Leo C. Kelly presided and called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. The following attendance was recorded during a roll call of member companies:

Co. 1	No	Co. 9	Yes	Co. 17	Yes
Co. 2	No	Co. 10	No	LCFR	Yes
Co. 3	Yes	Co. 11	Yes	LFAS	Yes
Co. 4	Yes	Co. 12	Yes	Lifeline	No
Co. 5	No	Co. 13	No	Pub. Health	Yes
Co. 6	Yes	Co. 14	Yes	LHC	Yes
Co. 7	No	Co. 15	Yes	OMD	Excused
Co. 8	Yes	Co. 16	Yes	LCSO	Excused

Public Comments:

VP David Goldberg of LHC spoke to the council regarding endorsement of LHC re-opening the Cornwall campus as a stand-alone hospital.

A motion made by Co. 3 and seconded by Co. 12 to approve the “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOUDOUN HOSPITAL CENTER’S EXPANSION AT THE CORNWALL CAMPUS.” (See attached resolution).

There being no further discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The expansion was scheduled to go before the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2003, for endorsement.

While Mr. Goldberg was present the question of LHC providing a rescue pyxis at the Cornwall campus ER was asked. Mr. Goldberg was to look into the possibility.

Delegate Comments

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Copies of the minutes of the April 15, 2003, EMS Council meeting were distributed.

An amendment from Co. 6 was made to the minutes. The public education account will include the operation save-a life account.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written with the amendment. They’re being no further discussion on the motion it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Allie Love provided the Treasurer's Report for the month of May.

Two-for-Life Account:	\$67,746.24
General Fund Acct.	21,207.89
Car Seat Account	1,575.96
Operation Save-A-Life	1,125.00

Chairman Kelly reminded everyone that the 2-for-Life funds are committed according to the adopted budget.

Committee Reports:

ALS Committee-Chairman Kelly reported:

- 1) Since there was no report for the April meeting in the last EMS council meeting please see attached minutes for April and May 2003.
- 2) Co. 8 asked if a password section of the county website could be used to post minutes, protocols, training etc. Especially now that the T-1 lines are going into the station. BC Hale will speak with Rick Pearsall for recommendations.
- 3) The AED/Combitube Instructor class pretest was held, with only one person attending and one making other arrangements due to a schedule conflict.
 - a) This means that 4 people did not show up for the pretest.
 - b) The RN that applied for the class was approved for the class even though they did not have the time 2-yr. Requirement in the system. The RN was notified by the Training Staff, but did not register for the class
- 4) Per Dr. Sabella the following people were released as ST/Es
 - a) Lisa Roper-1474
 - b) Tim Moses-1587
 - c) Derrick Bennet-972

BLS Committee – Captain Jose Salazar, BLS Committee provided the minutes as attached.

- 1) The CPR-Instructor class will be held August 23 and 24, 2003. With the pretest on August 19, 2003

Loudoun Hospital Center

- 1) Dr. Puccio spoke on behalf of the ER physicians and the many helicopter fly-outs in the recent past. The ER physicians do not feel comfortable turning around a helicopter once EMS has called for the unit. They are concerned with the patient not receiving the correct treatment and are relying heavily on the patient assessment from the field being an educated one.
 - a) Chairman Kelly mentioned that the criteria for who may call for a helicopter is not limited to ALS and/or BLS providers. But rather that the command officer on the scene may also ask for the helicopter.
 - b) Chairman Kelly warned that transfer via a helicopter is not a safe transport. There have been many documented crashes, resulting in deaths.
- 2) Dr. Puccio also spoke on the issue of some private physicians offices not wishing for their patients to be transported to LHC-Cornwall.
 - a) Dr. Puccio was advised that some are abusing 911 by looking for a free transport to the hospital when they could be calling a transport service.
 - b) Dr. Puccio would like to make the Doctors, Patients and EMS happy and will monitor the situation.

NVEMSC –No Report.

Rescue Chiefs – Georgia Gardner, Chair of the Chief's Committee reported:

- 1) Please see attached minutes
- 2) AmbuCheck will be replacing the EDD. This device will be changed on the ET kits first then phased out when the combitube use them up in the ER stores.
- 3) Advised all stations that have AED's to please verify that their units are under a contract somewhere (i.e. EMS Council, County or Volunteer Station)
- 4) Chairman Kelly advised that the EMS Council would be ordering 14 LP 500's to start the replacement of the LP 300s currently in use in the field.
- 5) Treasurer Love reported that physio has ordered a recall on some LP-12 batteries. Please check with the physio rep. If you are having problems with the LP-12 battery remaining charged.

Squad Truck and Standards Committee –

- 1) Several meeting have occurred
- 2) There should be draft available by the end of May 2003
- 3) The draft will be given to the chiefs, who will have 30 days to commend and give feedback to the committee.
- 4) The committee is slated to meet again July 14, 2003.
- 5) At this time schedule it looks like September before the draft will be able to go forward since there is not August meeting of the EMS Council.

Peer Review – The next meeting is scheduled for 5/21/03 @ TC.

The committee is investigating blanking the patient information on the peer review copy of the PPCR for patient confidentiality.

Public Health – Dr. Goodfriend was present and reported:

- 1) Prince William County has started into phase II of the smallpox inoculations.
- 2) Hopefully in the next couple of weeks the health department will have a letter explaining the smallpox inoculation and asking if the provider is interested in participating in the program.
- 3) Virginia state will be airing a lecture on the smallpox inoculation program on 5/28/03
- 4) Art Webb, the health department emergency planner is currently working with Fire and Rescue on a mass inoculation plan (15,000).
- 5) The health commissioner has signed off on the isolation/quarantine policy
- 6) Chairman Kelly advised all providers that if they suspect that they have a SARS patient then they must advise LHC prior to arrival at the ER.

LCFR – Battalion Chief Hale reported:

There has been a rash of med. box keys being broken recently. One explanation is that the keys are being left in the cabinet and the keys are being stepped on and sheared off in the lock. Another explanation is that the keys are again being left in the cabinet door, the door is a lift and flip style and again the keys are being sheared off when the door is recessed back into the compartment. Please be careful with your keys.

Fire- Rescue Commission – Kelly reported next commission meeting is 5/27/03 at 1900 hr in classroom #2.

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Public Education – Barbara Murphy, Chair of the Public Education Committee reported that the CPR event would be held at the armory off of Sycolin Rd on 9/27/03. The T-shirt contest is currently in Parks and Rec. for ideas for the event. Ms. Murphy has received an additional \$625 for the operation save a life program. The committee is looking for a corporate sponsor for the key chains that will be distributed during the program.

LCSO – No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2125 hours.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2003, at 1930 hours in the Classroom at the Cornwall Street Campus of Loudoun Hospital Center.

**EMS COUNCIL
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
LOUDOUN HOSPITAL CENTER'S EXPANSION
AT THE CORNWALL CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, Residents of Western Loudoun County are experiencing increasing long traffic delays in reaching healthcare facilities east of the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, in response to requests from Western Loudoun residents, from Rescue Squads located in Western Loudoun County and from all of the Towns in Loudoun County, Loudoun Hospital Center opened the Emergency Department at its Cornwall Street Campus at the former hospital location in the western edge of the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, important services that are vital to the Community are located on the Cornwall Campus. These services include the 100-bed Loudoun Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the 12-bed Psychiatric in-patient Unit of the Hospital, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services, and various administrative components of Loudoun Hospital Center and Loudoun Healthcare, Inc. In addition, space is being leased to Loudoun County for governmental services, and space is being provided free of charge to the State Health Department's Women, Infant, and Children's Program for a full-service Center as well as to the non-profit Catoclin Foundation's Loudoun Community Free Clinic; and

WHEREAS, after the Emergency Department opened at the Cornwall Campus in the Town of Leesburg in January 2003, Western Loudoun residents gained significant access and convenience to emergency care, resulting in material improvement in patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, rescue squads and emergency vehicles have saved time and resources by virtue of the travel time saved; and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed in January 2003 to review and make recommendations concerning additional services that could be operated at the Cornwall Campus, and assure that access to healthcare services be improved for residents of Western, Central and Northern Loudoun County. (The Committee is called Western Loudoun Medical Center Development Committee and is comprised of residents, governmental officials and LHC administrators); and

WHEREAS, the Committee met on numerous occasions from January through April 2003, and met with representatives from the HSANV and the State Department of Health/COPN staff; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on April 29, 2003 made a series of recommendations to the Loudoun Hospital Center and Loudoun Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors, including a recommendation that serious consideration should be given to seeking a Certificate of Public need to operate licensed acute care beds at the Cornwall Campus; and

WHEREAS on May 2, 2003 the Board of Directors of Loudoun Hospital Center and Loudoun Healthcare, Inc. affirmed its intention to commence revitalization of the Cornwall Campus of Loudoun Hospital Center to serve the residents of Western, Central and Northern Loudoun County and to expeditiously pursue the Committee's recommendations; and

WHEREAS the EMS Council supports the reestablishment of an acute care hospital at the Western Loudoun Medical Center (Cornwall Campus) and hereby affirms the important need to locate healthcare resources at the Western Loudoun Medical Center (the Cornwall Campus):

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EMS Council joins with the Towns of Loudoun County in declaring its unqualified support for the revitalization and expansion of services at the Cornwall Campus of Loudoun Hospital Center and the reestablishment of an acute care hospital at the Western Loudoun Medical Center (the Cornwall Campus), and directs that this resolution be submitted to the Virginia Department of Health for appropriate action._

The above Resolution was passed unanimously at a regular meeting of the Loudoun County EMS Council, Inc. on May 20, 2003.

For the Loudoun County EMS Council, Inc.

Leo C. Kelly, PA
Chairman